

The Wages Of Betrayal

By Ronald M. Jensen

"The usual place?"
"Yes."

The two men disappeared into the darkness. One of them went home, but Stadow did not go home. He went to where his bicycle was hidden and was soon pedaling toward town as fast as he could go. He stopped at a somber looking building. The Russian inscription above the door read, SECRET POLICE. He went inside.

"Are we getting anywhere?" asked the uniformed man at the desk.

"Yes," replied Stadow, "now is our chance to arrest practically the whole tribe of them. They are having what they call a Holy Thursday service. To these Christians that is an important day and they will probably all show up at the service."

"They are not suspicious of you?" said the man at the desk.

"They do not suspect a thing. I have even been confirmed and confessed my sins. I managed to force out a few emotional tears to help fool them. They think I am a convert and they trust me. I was even appointed one of the messengers who go about announcing the secret worship services."

"Good. Where will this Holy Thursday service be?"

"The place is well hidden but I have memorized the landscape around there. I'll draw a map for you."

Stadow drew the map on paper, showing that the place of worship was deep in a wooded area some few miles from town. "Well, I must run along. I am invited to have supper and spend the evening with one of these Christian families."

The agent left and pedaled out into the country to a humble farm home. The door was opened by a lean, broad shouldered and tall peasant with thick, grey hair. "Welcome, come in," he said. "Supper is just about ready. Let's smoke our pipes over a game of chess until supper."

When the meal was ready and everyone, including five fine children were seated at the large, round table, the peasant folded his huge hands and prayed: "Our merciful God, we thank thee for this food. We thank thee for Jesus Christ. We thank thee that he died for our sins. We thank thee that he rose again for our resurrection. Bless us and make our fellowship truly Christian; in the name of Jesus, Amen."

Stadow was a good actor. He talked much about the Christian faith. He bemoaned the fact that the Russians would not let them worship in Estonia as they used to when the Lutheran Church was allowed to preach its free gospel openly. First there were the Nazis, then the Communists. Neither of these allowed free worship.

The peasant spoke little but said much. "Ah, but we can be thankful for those who are yet Christian and with whom we can get together to hear God's word and sing about His goodness. No government can last unless it is on the side of what is good. Some day I would like to go to America. I hear programs from there on my radio late at night. Just think, they can worship God openly — in churches. The other night I heard a sermon by a Lutheran pastor called Walther Maier. I do not understand English very well, but I could hear that he said 'Jesus Christ' often and I liked the way he said it. He sounded like he was full of faith."

Stadow was making mental note of this so the secret police could be in-



formed that there were radio sets here and there which were able to pick up foreign broadcasts. "Where do you keep your radios?" asked Stadow.

"Out in the barn under the haystack."

After the peasant had read from the Bible and prayed, Stadow took his leave. It had been a pleasant evening. "We will see you Holy Thursday at the usual place," said the peasant.

Holy Thursday came. In the evening the Christians went to their place of worship. The place in the woods was dimly lighted with faint torches. A huge block of stone served as an altar. Boards and stones were the pews. Soon the "church" was full of men, women, and children. Stadow came in late that evening and appeared nervous as he sat down in front. He had hoped the police would soon arrive.

The service began with hymn singing. The strong voices of these peasants, known the world over for their ability to sing, made the woods echo with praises to God. They sang as people grateful for the opportunity to worship. The pastor, a lean and tired looking man in an improvised black gown said, "The Lord be with you." The response, "and with thy Spirit," sounded meaningful and strong. The sermon was about Christ's sacrifice for the sins of men and the world. The adults knelt on the ground before the altar to receive the Lord's Supper. "Our Lord Jesus Christ, the night in which he was betrayed took bread."

The singing of the last hymn was so powerful that no one heard the fifty secret policemen creep up and surround the worshippers. Stadow was relieved when the singing stopped as the troopers stepped forward brandishing machine guns.

The betrayer walked over to the leader in charge and said, "I'm Stadow, a member of the secret police."

The officer said, "Step back, everyone here is under arrest and will be put in a labor camp."

Stadow said in a frightened voice, "But didn't headquarters tell you? I'm Stadow, the informer, the one who drew the map of this area."

Every eye in the congregation was on the agent, but he paid no attention. The eyes of the peasant looked very sad.

"But I tell you, I'm Stadow; I'm one of your men; I'm not a Christian!"

The officer said, "Step back with the rest of them. You can't fool us."

Stadow lost his nerve. He looked around like a frightened, cornered animal. Suddenly he made a dash for an opening in the ranks of the troop-

EASTER ASSURANCE

Hallowed the cross where my Saviour died,
Hallowed the blood from His riven side,
Hallowed the thorns that pierced His brow,
Love hath triumphed o'er evil now.
Love shone forth through deepest gloom,
Pierced the darkness within the tomb,
Where life was waiting in calm repose,
Till Easter dawn when the Lord arose.
He rose in triumph and majesty,
He rose in power to set men free,
For life abundant arose with Him,
And lit a torch that shall never dim.
To nations groping in sore distress,
To bruised hearts fettered in sin's duress,
The Easter message rings strong and clear;
"The Lord is risen! Be of good cheer!"
—O. A. Broughton.

SEMINARY MALE CHORUS TOUR (Tentative Schedule)

North Battleford, Thursday, April 20th at 8.00 p.m.
Chauvin, Friday, April 21st, 2.00 p.m.
Lougheed, Friday, April 21, 8.00 p.m.
Bardo, Saturday, April 22, 2.00 p.m.
Donald, Saturday, April 22, 8.00 p.m.
Amisk, Sunday, April 23, 11.00 a.m.
Provost, Sunday, April 23, 3.00 p.m.
Wilkie, Sunday, April 23, 8.00 p.m.

NEWS FROM S.L.B.I.

Steady progress continues to be made on the new building. The main auditorium is completed to the point where it is useable now for regular gymnasium activities. Basketball was initiated by an exhibition game between two teams from Saskatoon the evening of March 16. The stage will soon be completed. The first public gathering in the new auditorium will be the annual spring concert by the choir.

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors was held March 15 and 16. The board decided to continue the repair and expansion program. Steps were taken to add a competent band director to the staff.

The annual summer Bible conference is scheduled for July 31-August 6. Speakers included Mr. Paul J. Lindell, general director of the World Mission Prayer League, and Pastor W. E. Klawitter, director of the "Psalm of Life" radio broadcast originating from LBI, Minneapolis, and now carried by eleven stations in the mid-western states.



Coin-a-Meal and Our Work of Charities

In the gifts given to the general work of our Church, for Home and Foreign Missions, Education, and Pensions, there is also a portion that goes to the cause of Christian Charity. Fifteen per cent of the budget goes to Charities; or \$15.00 for every \$100 given.

It is the Word of God which admonishes us to give to Christian Charity. Few promises in the Holy Scriptures mean more than some of these regarding the right spirit in the heart, the love of Christ reflected in love towards our fellowmen, that the suffering and needy might be helped. Listen to some of these: "And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day." (Is. 58:10). Also, "Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble." (Ps. 41:1).

The Lord Jesus Christ taught us that we had ought to love our neighbors as ourselves. Also, that by love and sacrifice for His sake, and in His Name, men might obtain true riches.

The gifts of Charity given by the people of our Church have supported Sunset Homes, Children's Homes, for Unmarried Mothers, Home Finding, Deaconess Homes, Institutional Chaplains, the Bethesda Mission, Day Nurseries and Kindergartens, and some assistance to pastors and widows.

In Canada, the one Sunset Home has been completed at Camrose; and is a beautiful home, providing rest and comfort for many. Another home is planned, to be erected in the City of Saskatoon. It is only in lands and among people where the Gospel of Christ has had influence that care is given to the weak, destitute, or the aged. In heathen lands, people becoming old are considered to be of no further value; and old age brings fears of terrible death — of being cast out, left to die, forgotten and forsaken.

But one of the virtues of the Christian life is charity, a love for our fellowmen, that they might know the blessings of Christ. And that believers might receive the greater gifts from God, it is necessary for them to exercise charity, to put love and faith into action; to support this branch of our Church's work, that streams of living water might flow into the hearts and lives of many people.

"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." (Luke 6:38).

It is a good exercise of faith, during the Lenten Season, to remember faithfully the gifts that should be given to charities, in the Coin-a-Meal container. Given regularly and with sacrifice, these gifts will promote love and blessing; in the hearts of those who give; and in the work of the Church and the Gospel which thus becomes furthered.

—E. O. W.

Sentence Sermons

Following the line of least resistance is what makes rivers and men crooked.

I cannot be a good Lutheran and not live in repentance for our many divisions.—Pastor Alex Funke.

Wherever you touched the early church you touched the fork in the road.—Dr. Oscar C. Hanson.

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WHAT DOES EASTER MEAN TO YOU?

Carol I. Thorson

As Easter approaches, let us look in at a few citizens of Anytown.

We see Lynette King, an attractive young woman who sings in the church choir, but who has never yielded herself to the Savior she has been singing about.

"Easter is only a couple of weeks away," says Lynette. "I must tend to getting my Easter outfit."

To her, Easter is mainly a time to show off her new spring outfit in the Sunday morning Easter parade.

Little Betty, who lives next door is looking forward to Easter, too. She has been told that then — if she is a good little girl and minds Mother and Daddy — the Easter bunny will surely leave a lovely basket for her on Easter morning.

Across the street, Grandmother Walker is busy getting ready for her Easter. Her children and grandchildren will be coming home. The house must be made to look just right for their arrival. All the favorite dishes of Mother's cooking must be prepared. In the midst of her preparations, Grandmother stops to breathe a prayer that her young folks may take time off in their busy lives to worship God.

In the house at the end of the block, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews are thinking of Easter. They, too, have preparations to make, but there are not the most important things to them. This season reminds them again of how Jesus died on the cross for the sins of the world, theirs included; and how He rose victorious over death on that first glorious Easter morning. This is the season when the love of their Savior constrains them to dedicate their lives to a year of more fully consecrated service in His vineyard.

What does Easter mean to you? Is it merely another holiday, or have you let it become more than that? If you will let the risen Lord reign in your life, He will give you "the peace that passeth understanding" not only at Easter, but everyday throughout the year.

—Lutheran Herald.

The cluttered life is not the Christ life.—Pastor Gerhard Frost.

Obituaries



Mrs. Anna Broughton

Mrs. Ingeborg Anna Broughton, (nee Carlson) was born in the parish of Stiklestad, near Thronheim, Norway. Coming with her mother to America at an early age, they settled among relatives in a farm community near Osakis, Minn. After confirmation she engaged in domestic work for a time. In search of more education she enrolled as a student at a school in Minneapolis where she furthered her academic and musical training. She later attended a Bible School in Belgrade, Minn., and private Bible classes conducted by Prof. E. M. Broen.

On November 26, 1905, she was united in marriage to Mr. O. A. Broughton. In April of next year they moved to Alberta, settling on their homestead in the Norbo district north of Donalda. There three children were born to them: Lawrence in High Prairie, Ernest in Grand Prairie and Alice in Wetaskiwin. Three sisters survive her: Mattie and Hilda in Sauk Centre; Lena in Princeton, all in Minnesota.

In their new home she shared in the activities of the various local organizations, contributing with songs and readings to Young People's programs, the Ladies' Aid and prayer circles. Her life, from maidenhood to its close, was marked by a desire for greater spiritual perfection and to experience the saving grace of God in daily living. Humbly and devoutly she sought guidance and strength in God's word. Her well worn Bibles, both English and Norwegian, testify to their faithful use. Several years ago her former associates in the Bethany Ladies' Aid, Donalda, presented her with a life membership in the Women's Missionary Federation.

For the past eleven years she has resided in Camrose enjoying a quiet evening of life, sharing in the activities of the Camrose Lutheran congregation while health permitted. During the summer of 1949 her health began to fail but not until the new year did she become seriously ill. On February 5th she was removed to St. Mary's hospital. In the assurance of the forgiveness of sins through the saving merit of Christ, she fell asleep on Saturday morning, February 11th.

Ralph Dahl was soloist at the funeral services on February 15th singing a song much loved by her: "Jeg har en ven, saa huld og mild og kjerlig." Her pastor, Rev. Grundahl, used as text for the funeral sermon the 24th verse and 17th chapter of John's Gospel: "Father, I desire that also they whom Thou hast given me, may be with me where I am, to behold my glory." This verse comforted her in her last illness.

Her memory is treasured by her husband and her children as a wife and mother whose Christian living, generous nature, joyous and devoted service will remain an inspiration and example. Though sorely missed from a home that now is empty without her cheerful presence, our assurance is she will "Rest through calm mysterious realms of sleep, to God's eternities." The fragrance of her life can

best be expressed in the following lines:

"Beautiful lives are those that bless,
 Unseen rivers of happiness,
 Whose hidden fountain but few may guess."

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Mrs. Ivar Oness

Henrietta Johanson was born in Oslo, Norway, on July 8, 1885. In Norway she was baptized, and received Christian instruction. At the age of 18 years she came to the United States; and was united in marriage to Ivar Oness September 15, 1906. She moved to Canada, the family residing in the Calumet district, where they lived until 1945, at which time the mother moved to Ponoka. After a brief illness, the mother passed away at the Ponoka hospital, March 12, 1950.

The husband predeceased his wife in 1942; and also, the oldest son, Leif, in the year 1940. Mourning the departure of their mother is one daughter, Mrs. Olaf Fjeldheim; and seven sons, Howard, Ivar, Russell, Raymond, Cecil, Donald and Erick; and also 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the Calumet Chapel, Pastor E. O. Walker having charge. Funeral director was Mr. Arnold Hoveland. Hymn selections of praise and worship were sung by Mrs. Arnold Hoveland, and a duet by Mrs. Art Erickson and Mr. Proctor Paulson. Interment was made in the Calumet cemetery.

Many memorial wreaths were given to various causes of the church. And there were also many floral wreaths.

The text used by the pastor for the occasion was that of Revelation 5: 9-13.

—E. O. W.

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Mrs. Nils Stenby

Emma Haug was born in Pelican Rapids, Minnesota, December 28, 1884. In the year 1904 she was united in marriage to Nils Stenby. The family came to Canada and homesteaded in the Whitla district, near Medicine Hat, in 1910; where the parents have resided until this time.

For many years, Mrs. Stenby was an active member of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of Canada, and a worker in the Ladies' Aid. The church services were often held in the family home. She was zealous in bringing up the children in the Christian faith; personally she trusted in the Lord and testified to this. She was a good influence in the home and community.

She passed away at the medicine Hat hospital, March 3, at the age of 65 years. She leaves to mourn her departure her husband, Nils Stenby; two daughters, Selma, Mrs. Peter Bruins, and Esther, at home; one son, Arthur; two grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Anna Erickson of Badger, Minnesota, and Mrs. Mina Berg of Pelican Rapids, Minnesota; also one brother, Hans Haug of Santa Anna, California.

Funeral service was held at the Pattison Funeral Chapel, at Medicine Hat, Alberta, Pastor E. O. Walker of Wetaskiwin, Alta., having charge, the local minister, Mr. Henry Holte of Bow Island being sick at the time. Interment was made in the Medicine Hat cemetery.

Blessed be her memory.

—E. O. W.

THE MYSTERY AND MESSAGE OF GETHSEMANE

Luke 22:39-44

Rev. Jacob Andreason, pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church Westby, Wis.

Perhaps the world has never experienced as much suffering, pain and agony as in the last decade. Think of the millions who are suffering because of starvation, illness and war. If all of a sudden we could see all the suffering of the world, we would faint. However, let us here consider Christ as He is in agony in the garden of Gethsemane.

The Mystery of This Agony

We can easily comprehend why

frail, sinful beings are often found in agony. But Christ is the Son of God, the Creator — "All things were made through him; and without him was not anything made that hath been made." He is the Preserver — the One Who is "upholding all things by the word of his power." What a mystery! The mighty Son of God, the Maker and Preserver of the universe, is found upon His knees and on His face with strong crying and tears, offering up prayer to God. He is overwhelmed with anguish and sorrow. He is perspiring even great drops of blood.

We can trace all human agony directly or indirectly to sin. But Christ had no sin. He was "holy, undefiled, separated from sinners, and made higher than the heavens." He did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth." What a mystery that the sinless Son of God is found in intense agony in the garden!

What may be the key that will unlock for us the mystery of His suffering in the garden?

The key is found in the word "substitution. That dark night Christ beheld the black darkness of the world's sin, He beheld the tragic sin of Adam and all the sins that have been committed since, including the sins of the "man of sin," the anti-Christ. He beheld the murderous act of Cain and every act of murder in every age down to the wholesale murder of the last war. He beheld the adultery of the age of Noah and Lot and all the immorality and adultery since, including the licentiousness of the United States today. He beheld all the corruption, all the filthiness and all the mess of sin ever to exist under heaven.

No wonder. He was in agony! He prayed, "Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me" — if there be another way of saving humanity from sin than for Me to be the substitute, let it be that other way. But He added, "Nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done."

Because there was no other way, Christ took the guilt, was willing to receive the judgment and condemnation for the sin of all the world. "He bare our sins in his body upon the tree." No wonder He was in agony! No wonder He perspired great drops of blood!

The Message From His Agony

Do we have any message from Christ's agony in the garden for us and for a world that is sunk in distress and anguish? Yes, hear what the Word declares: "Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God." Since Christ has suffered for our sins we have the message and the assurance that we need not suffer eternally for our sins. We have the message of deliverance from eternal anguish and sorrow. Since Christ died we have the assurance of forgiveness by God. We may bow our knees and hearts confessing our sins, knowing that God will freely forgive because of our Substitute — the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have also the message of sonship. Because of the suffering and death of the perfect Son, we, the disobedient, sinful sons, have adoption into the household of God. When we experience physical, mental and spiritual suffering, we can follow the example of our Savior and take it to our heavenly Father in prayer. He Who answered Christ in a manner far better for the welfare of humanity will answer us in a way that will serve His redemptive purpose and that will cause us to learn obedience by the things which we suffer.

My fellow redeemed, never forget that your and my sins added enormously to the agony of our Lord. Never take sin lightly. And remember that salvation is by accepting Christ the Substitute as your personal Savior. "If ever, Lord, my love to Thee Should cold and fruitless be, O show me in Gethsemane Thy suffering there for me."



"IF THERE HAD BEEN NO RESURRECTION . . . WHAT THEN?"

Mark 16:17

Easter Sunday

"Christ the Lord is risen again" . . . how glorious to hear and to sing this truth again! We are so prone to take things for granted, even when it comes to such essential truths of our Christian faith! In this land God has blessed us with all physical, material, and spiritual blessings, and we are so used to having them that I doubt if we could possibly visualize what life would be like without them. Those who have gone through the furnace of war, hunger, sickness, disease, man bereft of everything, know what it means to be cut off from these essentials! So it is with everything in life, things and truths become so common place and familiar that we take them for granted, and thus they lose their essential worth and meaning to us! So it is also, I am afraid, with the vital truth of Easter! We have heard its message so often . . . sung its songs so much . . . confessed, "On the third day He arose again from the dead," so frequently . . . that I question whether we fully realize what it would mean if there were no such message, no such song, no such scripturally assured confession? Our age, hungry for security, and yet so blindly clinging to that which is temporary and transient, needs reconquer again the spirit and truth of these words: "He is not here; He is risen." A truth which infinitely more than any other gives meaning to life, and a sure grasp on eternity!

Our text, and various other passages of Scripture, reveal what it would have meant to the people then if Jesus had not risen! Sorrowful, and with many misgivings we see the women trudging wearily down the road to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus; He who while He lived had made life so different and so full to them. But, now He was dead, lying in the grave, and so was everything which they had looked and longed for! How dark, dismal, deathly, difficult, everything must have become for them! For Thomas with only this memory, Jesus had died, now sitting sinking deeper and deeper in the mire of doubt! For the two on the way to Emmaus filled with but one soul-destroying thought, "We thought that this was He which should have redeemed Israel, and instead of listening to message of the women "He is alive," they continued on their way with their dark and foreboding reasonings! For Mary as she stood beside the sepulchre weeping, a picture of the utter defeat and despair if she then, and everyone since, would have been left with only this sickening cry and futile search, "They have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him." For Peter left with the memory of his sin, and those soul searching eyes as "Jesus turned and looked upon him!" Up till now, these women, Peter, and the disciples knew nothing of the Resurrection! The Cross and all it pertained lay behind them . . . Jesus' agony in the garden, Judas' betrayal, Peter's denial, the mock trial and scourging, they all forsaking Him, Jesus nailed to the cross, the soul rending cries echoing through the terrible darkness that filled the earth, climaxed with the words, "It is finished. Father into Thy hands I commend my spirit; and having said thus he gave up the

ghost." Seeing His body taken down from the cross and solemnly laid to rest in Joseph's tomb. All this! Oh, how it must have seared itself into their memories, leaving them numb with fear, and weak with defeat, as their preconceived world lay smashed and in ruins before them. If there had been no Resurrection . . . what would it have really meant for them?

Just so would it have been for us! Without this message which wrought such a change in the believers then, "Why seek ye the living amongst the dead? He is not here; He is risen." How empty and void, futile, all of life really would be! St. Paul puts it this way (I Cor. 15). "If there be no resurrection then Christ is not risen. Our preaching is vain. Your faith is vain. Ye are still in your sins. They which have fallen asleep are perished. If in this life we only have hope in Christ we are of all men the most miserable." But now, is Christ risen from the dead and has become the first fruits of all them that slept."

Yes, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." (I Peter 1:3). If there had been no resurrection . . . what then?

—R. O. O.

District News

LUTHER SEMINARY, Saskatoon

The president of the student body, Russell Melsness, attended the E.L.C. Student Conference at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, held the first weekend in March. This is an annual conference in which the schools of the E.L.C. participate. The theme of the conference this year centered around Home Missions.

Three films on the mission field in Madagascar were shown in the Seminary chapel on Friday, March 17th. These films have just recently come from Madagascar and showed various aspects of the mission work that is being done there.

Dr. and Mrs. Dale were in Saskatoon the first part of March. Their purpose in coming at this time was to move into their recently completed house. However, due to the fact that Joy will not be through school until early in the summer, and other factors, the family will not be living here until August.

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IMPORTANT MEETING AT BETHANY SUNSET HOME

The Board of Charities together with the Board of the Bethany Sunset Home and Rev. K. C. Grundahl met at Bethany Home March 14. Finances and ways and means regarding the Home were discussed and Dr. Mars Dale, the District President, expressed gratitude to the Board and staff at Bethany Home and was very happy to find everything in such a good condition. It was the first thing since the Home had been opened that Dr. Dale had the opportunity of making a visit. After the first session of business the following guests were served dinner: Dr. Mars Dale, Saskatoon; Rev. J. B. Stolee, Birch Hills, Sask.; J. T. Dahle, Port Arthur, Ontario; Evangelist Pederson, Minneapolis; Rev. J. S. Stolee, Bawlf; Rev. and Mrs. R. O. Olson, Armana; Rev. and Mrs. Sterling Johnson and boys, Ryley; Rev. Bergsagel, Mrs. E. M. Bergh; Rev. K. C. Grundahl, and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hoveland, Camrose. Dr. Dale brought greetings at the table, and Rev. J. B. Stolee of Birch Hills led in the devotion after supper.

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GENERAL CONVENTION DATES

The Nineteenth Biennial Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held in Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 21-27, beginning at 9.00 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Registration will begin at 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday. Register early!

Opening service with Holy Communion at 9.15 Wednesday morning. Sunday morning, June 25, 7.15 o'clock, convention services in Muskego church.

Sunday afternoon the dedication of the new library at the Theological Seminary will take place on the Seminary grounds.

Sunday evening has been set aside for Foreign Missions. The new mission field in Japan will be dedicated as a mission field of our church. There will also be ordination and commissioning of missionaries.

Many important matters will come before the convention for decision this year. A number of these matters will be printed in the church papers before the convention.

Remember: One delegate from a parish consisting of one congregation, and two delegates from a parish consisting of more than one.

Pastors and lay-delegates must take care of their own hotel reservations and these should be secured at an early date.

—A. J. Bergsaker, General Secretary.

A NEW FILM

The Board of Education of our church has supplied Canada District with a lease copy of the new sound film, "The Difference." This film is being distributed in our District through the film library of the Bible Institute Bookstore, Outlook, Sask. Book after April 15, 1950.

It is a 16 mm. motion picture produced for the United Lutheran Church in America to be used in promoting the cause of Christian Education. It has a running time of 45 minutes. The rental is \$12.00 for the first day of use and \$6.00 for each successive day in the same location, plus shipping charges. Another arrangement permitted is a request for the offering.

The film emphasizes that church schools place Christ in the centre of curriculum and campus life; that all Christians are called to serve Christ wherever we are and whatever we do. The film tells the story of a young man who comes to a church school somewhat against his will, and consequently resists, but through the witnessing of teachers and students, Paul listens, begins to learn and finally understands what the college is trying to do.

Book this film now to further the cause of Christian education in our midst, particularly through the home stretch of the U.C.E.A. If you lack equipment to use this film, advise the Bible Institute Bookstore, Outlook, Sask.

—G. Loken.

PRESIDENT'S PARSONAGE

A District Decision

At the district meeting in Camrose the following resolution was passed: "Resolved that the Convention authorize the Board of Trustees or a committee elected for that purpose, to purchase a house for the District president."

This was a wise and timely decision; the other Districts have already provided residences for their District presidents, and most of our parishes are now providing parsonages for their pastors.

The house is now (almost) finished, and Dr. Dale and his family will soon occupy it. It is a good house in a good location, 1233 Osler Street, directly north of the Seminary. On the first floor there is a living room, dining room, kitchen and study; on the second floor there are three bedrooms and a bathroom. A garage is attached to the side of the house with drive-in entrance from the street. A somewhat smaller house might have served, but this would hardly have been any credit to our District, nor would it have proved any economy in the long run.

The contract price for this house and garage was \$12,284.00, some extras have been added; the cost of the lot made another \$1,320.00. This doesn't add up to any small change,

but careful investigation as to possibilities of buying or building showed that it was logical to take the step and build a house that would continue to be adequate in a desirable location.

How is this house to be financed? So far the profit for the sale of W.M. F.'s 30th anniversary cook book has netted over \$1,200 for this project. The rest represents borrowed money; a loan from the trust funds of our Church in Canada, and a further loan for \$5,000 from Camrose Lutheran College funds received from Educational Appeal. This last loan is to be repaid in a year; and it is the hope that the whole cost of the house can be paid off by the end of 1950, or at least before too far into 1951.

No apportionment is being made for the different congregations, but it may serve as a guide to know that if an apportionment were made to raise the whole sum in a year it would be approximately that of the present Lutheran World Action budget for each congregation.

It is hoped that many individuals and societies will remember this project with special gifts; no doubt many of our congregations will decide to take an offering for this purpose some time during the year.

The District convention decided on securing such a house; it is the District that will own the house; and therefore everyone in the District will be interested in having this parsonage for our District president paid in full as soon as possible.

Send donations, marked for president's house, to Norwegian Lutheran Church of Canada, 212 Wiggins Avenue, Saskatoon.

—Canada District Board of Trustees.

ETERNAL ECHO

Elsie S. Rossio

Across the centuries a Cross
Lifts up its shadow still,
And calls the world to turn its eyes
Upon that lonely hill.

The Savior, sweating drops of blood,
Prays in Gethsemane,
And walks again the thorn-crowned way
To blood-bought Calvary.

And Judases betray Him still
For silver and for pride.
While Peters willfully deny
The Lord who for them died.

And Pilates still in judgment sets
Go out and wash their hands,
Because they lack the courage
To refuse the crowd's demands.

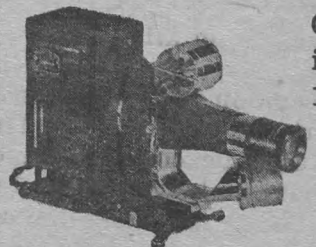
And doubting Thomases still wait
for proof for their belief.
While hyssop still is offered
For a dying Lord's relief.

But, too, the faithful follow,
Disciples to the end;
Perhaps not comprehending all,
But knowing His as Friend.

And, too, the tomb still empty stands,
Dispelling doubt and fear
For those who heed the Victor Cry,
"Behold! He is not here!"

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

"For the Son of Man also came not to be ministered unto but to minister, and give His life a ransom for many." Mark 10:48.

Christ came to earth, not for a crown, but to pay the wages of sin, our sin, your sin and mine.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16.

"For the wages of sin is death; but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23.

Yes, Jesus came to earth to "take up" His cross. What a sacrifice for Christ to make in the flesh! He knew always that He had to die on the cross. He knew who would betray Him. No wonder He suffered in Gethsemane. He had taken up His cross.

In Pilate's hall He was mocked, spit upon, smitten. Upon His head was cruelly planted the crown of thorns, "crowning sorrow." Christ was the ultimate in cross bearing; "the sinless bearing the sins of the world." "Yet He opened not His mouth." Isaiah 53:7.

"If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God on this behalf." I Peter 4:16.

"Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to Him in well doing as unto a faithful creator." I Peter 4:19.

"And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear ye shall receive a crown of glory, that fadeth not away." I Peter 5:4.

"No Cross — No Crown."

—N. Foster.

DISTRICT CONVENTION NEWS

The program for the District Convention, July 27-30, is being arranged. We are glad to announce that our guest speaker will be Pastor Ernest N. Nelson, the newly called Luther League Evangelist. He will speak each evening except Friday evening which is, "Mission Night." During this evening, our missionary speaker, Miss Olga Gutormson, home on furlough from Africa, will be the main speaker.

There is much to be done yet as far as the program is concerned. Help us by joining the Convention Prayer Crusade. Soon the Circuit presidents will be asked to supply the names of prospective speakers for the panel discussion groups. Kindly co-operate, Luther Leaguers. In passing, it might be good to mention that arrangements are being made to have four discussion groups per session. This affords opportunity for more to enter into the discussion.

Arrangements are also being made for the District oratorical contest to be held Saturday morning of the convention. Now is the time to prepare on the local and circuit level for this competition. Each Circuit is urged to have a boy and a girl entrant.

Plan now for P.A.

Norman Foster.

PRAY FOR P.A.

By now we should all be aware of the fact that our District Luther League convention will be held in Prince Albert this summer. The local committee and the executive are more than likely busy making plans and arrangements. Many decisions have to be made and many lines need to be drawn. Pray for them.

To you who are members of these committees and the executive there is a word of God which is a blessed truth in times like these. It is written in James 1:6, "If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God, that giveth



THE MEANING OF EASTER

What does Easter mean to you? Stately church and cushioned pew? Where, lenten season gone at last And days of self-denial past, Richly dressed, devoted throngs Of worshippers, unite in songs of praise

In lily scented aid.

Is this what makes your Easter fair?

Does it mean the end of winter's reign?

Bright skies and welcome worth again?

Singing of birds, budding of trees, Sweet spring odors in the breeze; From daffodil and crocus bed, And balsam branches overhead? Sad is the world and cold and gray If this is all of Easter Day.

But if this blessed season brings A firmer faith in Holy things, Assurance of a living Lord, A strengthening of the tender chord Of love, which binds us to the life to come

Where loved ones await us in the heavenly home, No pain or loss can e'er efface the bliss Of Easter, dear friend, When it means all this.

(Saskatoon L.L. Echo, '48)

to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

Our slogan is "On the Way to P.A." but let us first pray for P.A. in connection with our plans to attend another Luther League Convention. Begin now to have special local prayer meetings for P.A.

—Gordon Hope, Prayer Crusade Chairman.

THEME SONG FOR 1950

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand, The shadow of a mighty rock Within a weary land; A home within the wilderness, A rest upon the way, From the burning of the noontide heat, And the burden of the day,

NEWS FROM ROSEBUSH LUTHER LEAGUE

At the annual business meeting of the Rosebush Luther League the following officers were elected: President, Gordon Kasa; vice-president, Sim Hall; secretary, Mrs. William Bawden; treasurer, Dave Saltvold; librarian, Elaine Schiele; program committee, Hill Kasa, William Bawden and Wilfred Schiele; Echo reporter, Phyllis Lien.

The League reported a successful year. They presented two programs for neighboring Leagues besides their regular monthly meetings. Delegates and a number of visitors from this League attended conventions at Saskatoon and Bawlf. Sums of money were given to minister's salary, Youth for Christ, and other church projects.

A number of books were added to our growing library.

Two meetings have been held this year and attendance has been good which is encouraging. The League also sponsored a curling bonspiel.

May this year's work be better than ever in "Holding and Winning Young Folks for Christ."

—Phyllis Lien.

MOOSE JAW CIRCUIT LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTION

The theme for the convention was "Behold Christ Crucified." The young people gathered for convention at Estevan, beheld the crucified Christ as we listened to the various speakers develop this theme. We received a wider vision of our Savior. It is our prayer that we may reflect Him in our home communities.

Here are some highlights: This was our first attempt at an oratorical contest. We had three contestants, Glen and Ellen Johnson of Torquay, and Lorraine Newton of Estevan. An astonished crowd listened as each contestant who gave a surprisingly well delivered, inspirational oration. It was voted to send the contestants to Prince Albert this summer to the District convention.

A mountain top experience was the Choral Union on Sunday. About forty-five singers under the able direction of Mrs. Sylvia Hope participated. It was even voiced by some of the singers that it was a thrill and inspiration to join with others in this praise of God.

Our guest speaker, Pastor Joyce Nestingen of Grenora, North Dakota, was used by God to bring us closer in contact with Christ crucified. We appreciated the spiritual feast he shared with us and the fellowship we had with him.

It was our first venture at having a winter time convention. It was successful in every way—even in attendance.

May God continue to pour out His blessings from this convention that the vision of Christ crucified might spread to man.

—Odelite Torgunrud.

Y.P.L.L. LEADERSHIP SCHOOL CHRISTOPHER LAKE

July 24-27

The International Luther League Board is concentrating on Luther League Leadership in 1950, and the Canada District will have a part in this movement. A leadership school will be held at Christopher Lake, 28 miles north of Prince Albert, Sask., for four days before the District Luther League convention at Prince Albert, the dates of the latter being July 27-30.

The purpose of the Y.P.L.L. Leadership Schools will be to train the youth of our Church in the essentials of Christian service and in the Luther League program. The motto of these schools is Gal. 5:13, "Through love be servants," and will focus its interests in three directions: love of Christ, loyalty to Christ, and labor for Christ.

These will be real "schools," with classes, lectures, assignments, and curriculum materials. The purpose will be somewhat different than Bible camps, and will not compete with them.

WHO WILL ATTEND? Luther League officers (Local, Circuit and District), interested Luther Leaguers and Luther League advisors will be urged to attend. There should be some representation from every congregation in our District.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST? The registration fee at all the schools will be \$3.00, which will help to pay the cost of the materials supplied to each

student. The local League or congregation is asked to pay this fee, and to assist materially with the transportation to the school. The Canada District will pay for the board and room of the League officers. Since our school comes just prior to the District Luther League convention, it is hoped that all Luther League presidents can plan their summer so as to come to Prince Albert these few days early to participate in the Leadership School.

WHAT WILL BE IN THE CURRICULUM? There will be three basic courses. The first will be a Bible study with an emphasis on the Word as the basis for leadership and service. The second will be on Evangelism, since dealing with people and witnessing to people are the essentials of Christian service. The third course will be Leadership in Luther League work. These three courses will be studied through lecture periods, private study and "learning by doing" sessions. There will also be afternoon recreational periods, evening programs by the students, and a closing evening vesper service. Pastor Ernest Nelson, new Luther League evangelist, will be one of the visiting speakers in charge of the Leadership training.

The uniqueness of these schools will be first of all in the fact that they will be "schools" with definite studies and assignments, and secondly, in the fact that the entire group will function as a model Luther League, and carry out what is taught through "learning by doing" sessions.

We encourage every Luther League now to make plans to send your president and possibly other officers to this Leadership Training School just prior to the District Luther League convention in Prince Albert.

—District Y.P.L.L. Leadership Training Committee,
L. E. McFarlane, Chairman,
O. K. Storaasli,
G. O. Evenson.

PLACEMENT SERVICE

We are happy over the fact that Placement Service is beginning to make itself felt here in our Canada District. We are also glad that The Shepherd has so kindly offered space for this service. This means that we can make use of both the Lutheran Herald and The Shepherd for this work.

Placement Service is devised to help Lutheran people to remain or locate in areas where they can make use of the services of the Lutheran Church. It also has as its aim to reach the unchurched so that it is really a Soul conservation and extension work. It is on the local level that the most effective work can be done so that it becomes very important that every congregation gets organized to take up this work. A local placement committee should be appointed and this committee should survey the local urban and rural community for anticipated vacancies, exchanges, etc. The president of our church recently said "In my estimation the Canada District has fully as great if not greater possibilities for extending the Kingdom of God than any other part of our church." This should open our eyes to see the opportunity and responsibility we have to be of service to our Lord and Master.

You are invited to make use of this service. Contact your local placement committee if you have one and if not your circuit director. You need the church and the church needs you. Pray for the work.

—Arne Vinge, District Director.

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